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The Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
Kekuanaoa Building
465 South King Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

RE: Docket No. 2006-0387 – Application of Maui Electric Company, Limited
("MECO" or "Company") for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate
Schedules and Rules.

Pursuant to Order No. 23496 the Commission established the procedural schedule for the instant docket. As part of the Commission approved schedule, the Consumer Advocate was to file its Fifth Submission of Information Requests today.

The Consumer Advocate informs the Commission that the Company has outstanding responses to the previously filed Information Requests. Furthermore, MECO recently filed numerous revisions and updates to the Company's pre-filed Direct Testimonies and resulting revenue requirements as set forth in the application filed in this docket. The Consumer Advocate needs sufficient time to review: (a) all of the recently filed material in order to determine whether the revisions and updates are reasonable and should be reflected as adjustments to the Company's requested revenue requirement set forth in the application, and (b) the outstanding responses to the previously submitted discovery to determine whether additional follow up discovery is necessary.

In addition to the above, the Consumer Advocate contends that the numerous revisions and updates filed by Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("HECO") in Docket No. 2006-0386, required the Consumer Advocate's witnesses to devote a significant amount of time and effort understanding the basis for the recently filed revisions and prepare the Consumer Advocate's Written Direct Testimonies that were filed on August 6, 2007. Since the Consumer Advocate has the same witnesses in Docket Nos. 2006-0386 and 2006-0387, this effort hampered the Consumer Advocate's ability

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to devote much time to the review of MECO's recently filed material in this docket. To further detract from the Consumer Advocate's ability to focus on the MECO rate application and prepare discovery for submission today, the Consumer Advocate was provided with a settlement proposal for Docket No. 2006-0386 on Wednesday, August 15, 2007. In transmitting the document, HECO requested the Consumer Advocate to focus on the proposal in order to immediately commence negotiations for Docket No. 2006-0386.

Given the conflicting demands being placed on the Consumer Advocate's witnesses for Docket Nos. 2006-0386 and 2006-0387, the Consumer Advocate discussed the need to modify the procedural schedule to allow for sufficient time to address the pending matters in Docket Nos. 2006-0396 and 2006-0387. MECO agreed and as a result, the Consumer Advocate and MECO respectfully request Commission approval to modify the procedural schedule in the instant docket for the following procedural steps:

	Per Order No. 23496	Proposed New Date
CA Fifth Submission of IRs to MECO	Monday, August 20, 2007	Wednesday, September 5, 2007
MECO responses to the CA's Fifth Submission of IRs	Thursday, August 30, 2007	Monday, September 17, 2007
CA Sixth Submission of IRs to MECO	Monday, September 10, 2007	Friday, September 28, 2007
MECO responses to the CA's Sixth Submission of IRs	Friday, September 21, 2007	Friday, October 12, 2007
CA Written Direct Testimonies, Exhibits and Workpapers	Wednesday, October 3, 2007	Thursday, October 25, 2007
MECO IRs to the CA	Friday, October 5, 2007 through Wednesday, October 17, 2007	Friday, October 26, 2007 through Friday, November 2, 2007
CA Responses to MECO IRs	Wednesday, October 17, 2007 through Friday, October 26, 2007	Wednesday, November 7, 2007 through Friday, November 16, 2007
From here on the procedural schedule remains the same as that set forth in Order No. 23496 For Example:		
Settlement Proposal	Thursday, November 1, 2007	Thursday, November 1, 2007

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Thank you for your consideration of the above request. If there are any questions,
please feel free to contact me at 586-2765.

Sincerely yours,


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